

## Message from the President

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### The Importance of Staying Current in Audiology

Anyone who knows me will likely agree. I love research. I love learning about new technologies and advances in our field. I enjoy being “in the know” about what is happening in our industry. I value being connected to other professionals and understanding who is shaping conversations in audiology. It is probably exactly why I enjoy volunteering on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Academy of Audiology.

Staying current does not happen by accident. It requires time, intention, and effort. Our field is evolving rapidly. Technology is advancing. Patient expectations are shifting. If we stand still, we fall behind not just individually, but as a profession.

There are many ways to stay current in audiology. Read audiology journals, and if you are reading this, you are already off to a good start! Follow industry leaders, researchers, and universities on social media. Join audiology groups and participate in thoughtful discussions. Keep an eye on regulatory and policy shifts that affect your practice. Seek mentorship and offer it in return. Teaching new graduates sharpens our own knowledge, and learning from experienced colleagues helps us improve.

Continuing education is a commitment that we all must do. Attend conferences! ... and speaking of which, I hope you will join us in Moncton next October 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> for our CAA Conference! In-person events provide valuable opportunities to connect, collaborate, and network with colleagues from across the country. Continuing education can also take many forms, such as manufacturer-led training, online platforms such as AudiologyOnline, or webinars offered through the CAA. Consider branching out and remaining curious about interdisciplinary research that intersects with audiology such as cognitive science, aging research, and artificial intelligence. These areas continue to shape the future of our profession.

Above all, never stop learning! Staying current allows us to offer our patients the very best evidence-based solutions. It leads to better clinical outcomes. It strengthens our ability to translate complex information into meaningful conversations with the individuals we serve. It builds professional credibility with our patients and peers.

In short, staying current is not about “doing more.” It is about being credible, confident, and future-ready. It is about doing right by our patients, ourselves, and the profession of audiology.